

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 5908

EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PINS, LE  
SUBJECT: DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND ADF  
AK

REF: (A) JIDDA 5847 (B) JIDDA 0777 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR AND POL COUNSELOR ASKED DEPUTY FOREIGN  
MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABD AL-RAHMAN MANSOURI ON  
AUGUST 12 TO EXPLAIN WHAT PRINCE SAUD MEANT WHEN HE TOLD  
AMBASSADOR ATHERTON ON AUGUST 10 THAT DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN  
CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND SYRIAN TROOPS IN LEBANON COULD BE  
DANGEROUS. MANSOURI SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK PRINCE SAUD  
THAT QUESTION. HOWEVER, IN HIS OWN VIEW, DANGER LAY IN  
FACT THAT SYRIAN TROOPS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF ADF,  
WHICH WAS AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE OPERATING UNDER THE  
UMBRELLA OF AN ARAB LEAGUE MANDATE. TO SINGLE OUT SYRIAN  
TROOPS COULD (A) CALL IN QUESTION THE AUTHORITY AND MAN-  
DATE OF THE ADF AND (B) RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF THE  
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SYRIANS IN LEBANON AS SYRIANS, RATHER THAN ADF. SAG  
FAVORS RESTORATION OF AUTHORITY OF GOL THROUGHOUT LEBANON.  
IT FURNISHES DIPLOMATIC SUPPPORT, FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND  
MANPOWER FOR THE ADF AS A COVER FOR SYRIAN PRESENCE AND  
KEEPING IT FROM LOOKING LIKE AN OCCUPATION FORCE. IT  
WOULD NOT WANT THIS COVER DESTROYED AND THE SYRIAN PRE-  
SENCE TO TURN INTO OUTRIGHT OCCUPATION.

2. MANSOURI'S VIEWS HERE ON SYRIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON  
AND ADF ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE HE EXPRESSED ON JANUARY 31  
(REF B).  
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